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Charles W. Degeorge, et al.) Before the Examiner  
) Kevin P. Kerns

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REMOVABLE FILTER FOR SLURRY  
HYDROCARBON SYNTHESIS PROCESS

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Sir:

AMENDMENTIn the claims:

Please cancel claims 6-10 without prejudice. Please note that claims 11-18 were previously canceled as evidenced by the application transmittal form enclosed herewith.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 1-5, drawn to a filter having a plurality of hollow filter elements. The Examiner is authorized to cancel claims 6-10. In the event it is necessary, the Examiner is further authorized to cancel claims 11-18. This election to the Restriction Requirement is made with traverse.

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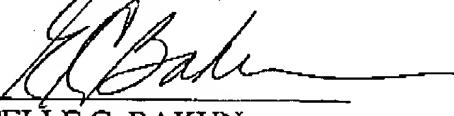
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1. (Original) A filter which includes at least one filter section comprising a plurality of hollow, elongated filter elements disposed on a hollow manifold, with said manifold connected to a hollow filtrate conduit wherein the interior of said elements, manifold and conduit are in fluid communication and wherein each said filter element has a wall at least a portion of which is permeable to the passage of liquid therethrough, but not solids, from outside said element to said hollow interior.
2. (Original) A filter according to claim 1 wherein said filter elements are vertically disposed and are laterally spaced and arranged on said manifold.
3. (Original) A filter according to claim 2 wherein said manifold includes at least one horizontal wall on which said elements are laterally spaced apart and arranged across the outer surface of said wall.
4. (Original) A filter according to claim 3 wherein said manifold has two horizontal walls, an upper and a lower wall and wherein said elements are laterally spaced apart and arranged across the outer surface of both of said walls.
5. (Original) A filter according to claim 4 wherein said elements comprise sintered metal.

Claims 6-18 (Canceled).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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